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OPEN NEW CITY OF COLFAX

Corporation Organized and Plats Out Vermejo.--2,000 Lots for Sale. 100 Forty-Acre Tracts of Lands on the Market

One of the largest enterprises that has been undertaken in Colfax county for some time, has been developed within the past month by what is known as the New Mexico Land Sales Co., which is now in the process of being incorporated. This company has gained control of a large tract of land in and about Vermejo, about sixteen miles east of Cimarron on the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific railroad, and has already surveyed and staked out two thousand town lots at Vermejo Junction. The new town, which by the way is the only town in the county, other than Raton, reached by two railroads, will be known as "Colfax." The lots, as laid out, are the same size as those in Cimarron, namely, 25 by 140 feet and the streets are of the same width, being 60 feet from curb to curb. All of these lots, 2,000 in number, will be placed on the market at the price of forty dollars and an enormous advertising scheme has been inaugurated. One hundred thousand circular letters are now being prepared, giving a description of the advantages to be gained by buying lots in Colfax, and living in Colfax county, New Mexico, and these letters will be sent broadcast throughout the United States and Canada. The fact that the new town is situated on both the El Paso & Southern and on the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific roads; that it is surrounded by a great tract of the richest land in the southwest would seem to make it a certainty that Colfax will be one of the best towns of Colfax county within a very short time. In fact with the constant influx of farmers from the middle states, who are continually purchasing farm lands, the new town is bound to grow.

New Town Will Make Good.
That there is every reason to be-

lieve that this will be true is evidenced by the way Colfax county land is being snapped up on every hand. To meet this demand, the New Mexico Land Sales Co. has decided to put one hundred forty acre tracts of land in and about the new town of Colfax on sale at once. No one will be restricted to one forty or two forty, but it is thought that by giving the land the legal subdivisions which the government use, the sale of lands will be greatly facilitated, and the small farmer will also be given a chance to get in on the ground floor with the big man. As soon as the first hundred forty acre tracts are sold another hundred will be placed on the market, then another hundred and still another, until a tract of over forty thousand acres will eventually be disposed of. The Citizen has not been informed as to what price the land will be held at, but is certain that it will be placed on the market at a very reasonable figure, which will vary in the same ratio as the quality and location of the land changes.

Big Thing for Cimarron.
The opening up of Colfax and the placing of this land on the market will be a great thing for Cimarron, because we are in the center of what will one day be a new county, and the county seat will be here at Cimarron. Colfax is less than seventeen miles from us and much of the land that is to be placed on the market is as near us as it is to Colfax. We will naturally draw trade to a great extent from the farmers around Colfax, and because of our greater natural resources, we will always be able to furnish Colfax with materials and goods of all sorts. Everything that helps Colfax and Colfax county is bound to come to the aid of Cimarron also. Bring on some more new towns.

POSTOFFICE THIEVES

YOUNG BOYS TAKE MONEY FROM CASH DRAWER OF DAWSON POST OFFICE. FOUR IMPLICATED.

For some little time there has been a series of small thefts of cash from the money drawer at Dawson. All efforts to apprehend the thieves had failed, and the mystery grew deeper. Inspector Haines, at last concealed himself in the office at noontime, and caught a young boy in the act of opening up one of the mail boxes, reaching through and abstracting money from the drawer below. When charged with the theft, the lad, who was only about fourteen years old, confessed and implicated three other boys in the serious crime. Because of the extreme youth of the prisoners, it is thought that great leniency will be shown.

EVANGELIST QUILTS; NICKEL THEATERS KILL HIS MISSION

Wabash, Ind., March 10.—Evangelist J. N. Reynolds opened a city mission in a big business room down town two months ago. Today he closed it saying, "I cannot compete with 5 cent theaters which draw the very men I hoped to aid by my city mission, which was to be open day and night."

WILL BUILD APARTMENTS

MRS. P. S. KEOGH WILL CONSTRUCT A TEN APARTMENT FLAT OF FOUR ROOMS. STEAM HEAT.

Mrs. P. S. Keogh of Salt Lake, Utah, was in Cimarron last week and purchased two lots upon which she will erect a modern flat building. Mrs. Keogh is a sister-in-law of W. S. McCormick of Salt Lake, one of the best known bankers in Utah, and the wife of Salt Lake's best known physician, the owner of the Keogh-Wright Hospital in that city. The apartment building which Mrs. Keogh is planning to erect in Cimarron will be a two story structure of very pleasing design. It will be heated by steam, fitted out with hot and cold baths throughout, and each apartment will have a suite of four rooms. There will be ten apartments in all, making a total of forty rooms in the building. The big structure will practically cover both of lots 15 and 16 of Block 44. This will fill a long felt need in Cimarron, and the Citizen wishes for Mrs. Keogh all the returns her enterprise merits.

OFF BROOKLYN BRIDGE

New York, March 10.—An unknown man committed suicide this morning by leaping from Brooklyn bridge. The body was not recovered.

ASSASSIN NOW ON TRIAL

Giuseppe Alia, Slayer of Father Leo Faces the Bar of Justice--All of the Jurymen Favor Capital Punishment

Denver, March 10.—Late this afternoon a jury was secured to try Giuseppe Alia, the Italian, who assassinated Father Leo Hendricks. All of the jurymen are favorable to capital punishment and none are Catholics.

Denver, Colo., March 9.—Pushed through a sullen, angry crowd, which did not hesitate to show its hate of the assassin, Giuseppe Alia was this morning taken from the county jail to the West Side courtroom, where he was placed on trial for his life, charged with the murder of Father Leo Hendricks on Feb. 23.

Whether it is the stoicism of a man who feels that he is doomed to death or the uncomprehending dullness of a stunted mind, Alia shows no emotion. He paid no attention to the crowd, and as he entered the courtroom seemed to take little interest in the surroundings.

Fully 200 persons were gathered in front of the jail when the great door swung open shortly before 10 o'clock and Alia came out, shackled between two deputies. It was a menacing crowd that the prisoner faced, but there was no demonstration, although there were frequent expressions of hate. Should Alia, by any chance, escape the full penalty of his crime it might be a different story were he to return through a similar gathering.

Sheriff Nisbet had taken precautions to avert any possible trouble. Fifteen of his men in citizens' clothes were scattered about through the people, listening and watching for any signs which would indicate any intended attack on the prisoner.

The courtroom was crowded to the doors when the trial started, although here, also, precautions had been taken to prevent a demonstration of any kind.

The greater part of the trial will be taken up in the selection of a jury, and it may be fully three days before the taking of evidence is started.

The defense will object to the selection of any members of the Roman Catholic church as jurors, but it realizes that it will be practically impossible to find twelve men who have not heard of the crime and already formed some sort of opinions as to the guilt of the prisoner. There are 100 talesmen in the panel, and it is believed that it will be necessary to call more before a jury satisfactory to both sides can be secured.

NEGRO ASKS DIVORCE, SAYING WIFE IS WHITE

Lima, O., March 10.—That the wife is white, and not black, as he alleges she told him she was, and for the further reason that she did not bring him \$1,100, as he alleges she promised when they were married in Lexington, Ky., five months ago, Henry Edwards sued for divorce today.

Edwards, a negro, who is a well-to-do storekeeper, alleges also that his wife attacked him with a hatchet.

MEXICAN WAR FLAG FOUND

Pacific Grove, Cal., March 10.—News has been received from Honolulu of a notable Californian relic. It is the identical American flag first hoisted over Monterey's custom house when Mexico's flag was hauled down.

One of General Fremont's soldiers, John Cook, now 84 years old, who has lived sixty years in Honolulu, has guarded this historic flag, together with a pistol that belonged to the Pathfinder.

The flag has been identified as authentic by Captain Alexander McDuff.

WILKINS BUYS WILSON SHOP

Norman Wilkins Buys Out J. S. Wilson. --Transfer Made Saturday.--Will Run Blacksmith Business.

Another of the big real estate transfers that Cimarron has witnessed within the past month took place last Saturday when the J. S. Wilson blacksmith shop changed hands. Mr. Norman Wilkins purchased the lots and buildings belonging to J. S. Wilson, the entire stock, the tools and

all fixtures which were used in the blacksmith shop, and will continue the business at the old stand in the future. Mr. Wilson will enter into the employ of Mr. Wilkins as foreman of the shop. It has not been made known what the consideration for the sale was, but it is thought that the price was a good one.

WILL HAVE DANCE HALL

CIMARRON WILL HAVE NEW DANCE HALL AND SKATINK RINK WITHIN A SHORT TIME.

Martin S. Bigsbee has leased from Grubbs & Fulton the three lots on the corner of Lincoln avenue and 11th street, and will begin the construction of a dance hall and skating rink thereon within a very short time. The plans for the new hall are already drawn up and are in the hands of the contractor awaiting for an estimate. The plans call for a building 50x60 feet, to be constructed of corrugated iron, lathed and plastered inside. At one end of the hall a stage will be built, which will be of ample size to accommodate quite a troupe for any sort of entertainments. It is thought that this hall will make a very good place to hold public meetings of every sort, and the acoustic properties are being well looked into.

MELVIN EDWARDS IS HEAD FROM

Melvin Edwards, who left Cimarron last week without telling his parents where he was going, has been heard from. A letter was received from the young boy stating that he was in Dawson, and it is likely that he has obtained work in our sister city.

AGED RESIDENT DIES

Trinidad, Colorado, March 10.—Mrs. Josefa Davis, wife of Cosme Davis, died Sunday night at the family home at Apishapa. Funeral services will be held to day at Apishapa.

BASEBALL LEAGUE ON

DAWSON AND CIMARRON MAKE ALLIANCE -- BASE BALL LEAGUE FORMED -- FIRST GAME APRIL 5.

Two weeks ago last Sunday baseball delegates from Cimarron, Dawson, Raton, Koehler and VanHouten met at Dawson for the purpose of forming a baseball league for the coming season. Rules governing the league were framed, and the meeting was adjourned to last Saturday, when it was called at Cimarron.

In the mean time all of the members of the league with the exception of Cimarron and Dawson withdrew. But the meeting was held as per schedule, and it was decided that the two teams should go ahead and form an alliance between the two cities, operating under the rules framed in the convention. Geo. Murdoch of Dawson represented that city. It was decided that the two cities would extend a cordial invitation to any of the teams that were to have been represented in the league, to join under the existing rules at any time they might see fit to do so.

The rules provide that no one is eligible to either team until he has been a resident and on the payroll of any one of the cities represented for a period of thirty days prior to the first game, which will be held at Dawson, Sunday, April 5th. No can any man play in any subsequent game unless he has been on the payroll for a period of sixty days prior to his first game. This will make it impossible for any one team to hire professional ball players, unless they do so with great expense, but at the same time all owe the cities in the league to borrow men from any other

team. Most cordial relations between Cimarron and Dawson have been established, and the watchword in the future is to be "Dawson and Cimarron."

SKIFF OVERTURNS AND

THREE WOMEN DROWN
Greenville, S. C., March 10.—While boating on the Appalachicola mill pond near Greers today a skiff carrying ten persons capsized and three young women were drowned. There were but two men in the party and it was only through their efforts that the other five women were rescued.

TO INSPECT NEW MEXICO SECURITIES

Trinidad, Colorado, March 10.—William A. Track and Frederick A. Singleton of New York, representing the Fisk & Robinson company, passed through Trinidad yesterday en route to Raton, N. M., where they are going to inspect the properties of the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific company. Fisk & Robinson is one of the large bond underwriting firms of New York and they underwrote some of the bonds for the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific company, which is constructing a railroad across northern New Mexico, building coke ovens, opening big coal mines and prospecting for iron ore. This company is becoming a formidable rival of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company and proposes to enter the steel business if sufficient iron ore can be secured. It is also the plan of the company to extend the railroad and ultimately make it a transcontinental line.

Charles M. Jones, president of the New England National bank, of Boston, and Charles H. Newell of Providence, R. I., are accompanying the New York parties. It is understood

EXAMINE INTO CONDITIONS.

Messrs. T. A. Schomberg and W. H. Delicker of the Continental Tie & Lumber Co., spent a few days in Cimarron on business. Mr. Schomberg took a trip over the line of the Cimarron & Northwestern and examined into the present status of the company's interests in the timber regions in the Ponil, Dean and Metcalf canons, with a view of ascertaining if possible what could be done to better the present conditions, and get the saw mills all running.

WILL TEST M'CLELLAN'S TITLE

Albany, N. Y., March 10.—The court of appeals this afternoon handed down a decision reversing the order of the appellate division, first department, and sustaining that of Justice Vernon M. David, who decided that Attorney General Jackson had filed a sufficient bill of particulars in connection with his supplemental complaint that illegal votes were cast for George B. McClellan in the mayoralty campaign in New York City in 1905.

Under the decision the ballot boxes may be opened and the ballots examined in the quo warranto proceedings brought to test McClellan's title to the office of mayor, in the interest of William R. Hearst.

that they will inspect the properties of the company in Northern New Mexico, with the object of taking additional bonds if the outlook comes up to expectation.

THE WEATHER.

Santa Fe, March 10.—Fair tonight and warmer Wednesday.

TO FORM GUN CLUB

PLANS BEING MADE TO FORM GUN CLUB CIRCUIT--WOULD HOLD SHOOTING TOURNAMENTS.

A plan is on foot to form a number of gun clubs throughout the towns and cities of Colfax county, and to arrange a regular circuit for the holding of shooting matches. It is thought that Colfax county has enough shooting enthusiasts to make it well worth while to do this. The idea is to form local clubs in the towns in the county, and to have each hold its own competitive shoots, pick out their best members, and then send them as a team to compete with the teams of the other clubs. These tournaments to be held on a regular schedule and conducted under regular "Circuit" rules. Then it is planned to hold a great central tournament at given times and let all compete for prizes or medals.

Messrs. C. D. Plank and J. A. Ricker, both representing powder and cartridge houses, have been in Cimarron working on the scheme, and they state that the idea has taken hold in nearly every town they have visited. It is more than probable that their houses will offer some very handsome trophies for the different shoots.

IN SUICIDE PACT.

Chicago, March 10.—Theodore Englebeck, 70 years of age, and his wife, Anna, 75 years of age, were found dead in their room at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Anna Rostrum, 479 Racine avenue, today. Death had been caused by asphyxiation by illuminating gas. The police are of the opinion that the couple, discouraged by the loss of their home by fire last Saturday, made a suicidal pact.

GRAND HOTEL OPEN SOON

WILL BE READY FOR BUSINESS SHORTLY. BUILDING ENTIRELY REMODELED AND RENOVATED.

Mr. Martin Bokove, who recently purchased the old Cimarron Cafe, sometimes called the Hunter Rooming house, has a big force of men going over the entire building, tearing out partitions, relaying floors, building new fronts, and doing a hundred and one things necessary to remake the building into a first class hotel. Mr. Bokove has already shipped in a car load of new furniture and now has most of it in place. The work of repairing has gone so far, that a large number of the twenty rooms, which the hotel will have, are now ready for use.

The carpenters are busily engaged in rebuilding a large dining room, and adding to the rear of the building an up to date kitchen. The northeast corner of the present building is being rebuilt and a bar room will be installed therein. The bar room is placed off in one corner of the building, so that it may be run entirely separate and distinct from the hotel proper, thus making it much better for ladies, who are guests of the hotel. While it is not possible to say just when the hotel will be entirely opened to the public, the work is progressing so fast that it is likely it will be opened next week.

SCORE OF FIREMEN

HURT IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Mar. 10.—A score of firemen were injured, three perhaps fatally, by a fire early today which destroyed Apollo hall, a three-story structure, at 256-262 Blue Island avenue. The cause of the fire is unknown. The total damage is estimated at \$85,000.